

And, by a resolution of the last session of Convention, the Council of Safety were empowered to advance on loan for two years without interest, on bond with good security, any part of the said one thousand pounds to such person or persons as would undertake and give good security for erecting and working a powder-mill, on the terms in the same resolution mentioned; the same powder-mill to be erected within fourteen and not less than six miles from Baltimore-Town; but no contract having been yet made for erecting a powder-mill in this province, owing in some measure to the limitation of the distance from Baltimore-Town, within which the said powder-mill is directed to be built, and because it is hoped and expected that a greater quantity of salt-petre will be manufactured in this province than can be made into gun-powder at one mill, and one mill cannot make a sufficient quantity of gun-powder for the use of the inhabitants of this province; it is therefore **RESOLVED**, That the said one thousand pounds, or any part thereof that may be necessary, be applied and expended by the Council of Safety for the time being, in erecting and working a powder-mill within this province, on account of the public. And that a sum of money not exceeding £ 500. be advanced by the Council of Safety for the time being, to any person who will undertake and give security for erecting a powder-mill at any place within this province, which shall be thought proper by the Council of Safety, on the terms of the said resolution of the last session of Convention.—And to encourage and induce the good people of this province to make crude nitre, it is **RESOLVED**, That to every person who will carry in and deliver at the said public powder-mill, within one year next after the same shall begin to work, any quantity of good crude nitre manufactured within this province, there shall be delivered good gun-powder, after the rate of three quarters of a pound of powder for one pound of good crude nitre.

That instead of the two shillings per pound, directed to be paid by the supervisors of salt-petre works, to private persons manufacturing and delivering crude nitre, there be allowed and paid, after the rate of three shillings and nine-pence for every pound of good crude nitre so manufactured and delivered.

And whereas the several supervisors of the public salt-petre works, except those of Kent, Queen-Anne's, Prince-George's, and Calvert counties, have omitted to lay their accounts before this Convention, it is **RESOLVED**, That the examination of such accounts lay over to the next session of Convention, and that the supervisors be, and they are hereby directed to lay a full state of their accounts, and the success of the works under their care, before this Convention at their next sitting.

The Convention took into their consideration a report from the committee appointed to receive proposals relative to the establishment of manufactories within this province, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That the sum of three hundred pounds common money, without interest until the first day of May next, be advanced to Alexander M'Fadon of George-Town in Frederick county, he giving bond with good security, to make a return or payment thereof in good linen, of such quality as this or a future Convention, or in their recess, the Council of Safety of this province shall and may order and direct, in the proportions and at the times following to wit. one third part thereof on or before the first day of November next, and the remainder on or before the first day of May ensuing, at such rates and prices as may be allowed by the said Convention, or the Council of Safety, in the recess thereof.

RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety of this province be empowered to advance
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